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In re Application of:)
Nobuo ISHII et al.) Group Art Unit: 1763
Serial No.: 10/519,775) Examiner: Rakesh Kumar Dhingra
Filed: December 29, 2004) Confirmation No.: 7307
For: PLASMA PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND)
CONTROLLING METHOD)
- THEREFOR)
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated February 15, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 between:

Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to an apparatus; and

Group II, claims 7 and 8, drawn to a method.

Also in the restriction requirement, the Examiner further required restriction between:

Species 1, Figure 3; and

Species 2, Figure 8.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I drawn to an apparatus and Species 1, of Figure 3. The claims directed to this embodiment are believed to be claims 1-5.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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